



**EDGE, Tracy Russell [R]**—(Dist. No. 104, *Horry Co.*)—managing partner Edge Holdings, LLC; VP, Burroughs and Chapin Corp.; residing at 1423 Edge Dr., N. Myrtle Beach; *b.* Mar. 28, 1967 in Myrtle Beach; *s.* Robert L. and the late Nettie S. Edge; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1989; W. Va. Univ., M.S., 1991; Dec. 17, 1994 *m.* Melissa Renee Pierce, 2 children, Hannah and Pierce;

N. Myrtle Beach City Council, 1994–96; past Chair of School Improvement Council for Academy of Arts, Science, and Technology; former mem.: N. Myrtle Beach Jaycees; N. Myrtle Beach Rotary Club; mem.: Adv. Bd., Natl. Bank of S.C.; S.C. Hall of Fame Bd.; Del., Rep. Natl. Convention, 2000, 2004; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Assn. of Realtors, 1999, 2003; Legislator of the Year, Manufactured Housing Inst., 2001; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Landowners Assn., 2004; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Pharmacy Assn., 2005; Legislator of the Year, Behavioral Health Servs. Assn. of S.C., 2005; Legislator of the Year, Homebuilder Assn. of S.C., 2005; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Emergency Med. Assn., 2005, 2006; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Assn. of Taxpayers, “Friend of the Taxpayer” Award, 2006; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Med. Assn., 2006; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Chiropractic Assn., 2006; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Voc. Rehab. Assn., 2006; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Disabilities and Special Needs Assn., 2006; Legislator of the Year, Affordable Housing Coalition of S.C., 2006; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Dental Assn., 2006; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Special Olympics, 2007; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Primary Health Care Assn., 2007; Ways & Means Com., 2002–; First Baptist Church of N. Myrtle Beach; prev. serv. in House 1996–13.



**ERICKSON, Shannon Smith [R]**—(Dist. No. 124, *Beaufort Co.*)—Teacher/Owner/Dir., Lowcountry Building Blocks, Inc.; *b.* Apr. 21, 1963 in Raleigh, N.C.; *d.* the late William Monroe and the late Martha Jane Hattaway Smith; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1997; *m.* Kendall F. Erickson, 2 children, Mariah and Joshua; mem.:

Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce, Bd. of Dirs., 2003–06; Govs. Adv. Com. on Child Care, 2003–07; United Way of Beaufort Co., 2005–06; S.C. Child Care Assn., Pres., 2005–07; First Steps to School Readiness/United Way of S.C. Quality Task Force, 2006–08; Beaufort Co. Rep. Party; Beaufort Co. Rep. Women; mem.: Rotary Club of the Lowcountry; Lady's Island Bus. and Professional Assn.; Chm., S.C. General Assembly Rep. Women's Caucus, 2009–; General Assembly Women's Caucus, 1st VC; Interagency Coordinating Council, VC, 2009–; mem., St. Peter's Catholic Church; prev. serv. in House Oct. 23, 2007–13.

**FELDER, R. Raye** [R]—(Dist. No. 26, *York Co.*)—Businesswoman, Ins. Sales; residing at 116 Mary Mack Lane, Fort Mill; *b.* Mar. 3, 1962 in Statesboro, Ga.; attended Winthrop Coll. and York Tech. Coll.; *g.* Limestone Coll., B.S., 1993; *m.* J. Wayne Felder; mem., York Co. Regional Chamber; past Chm., Fort Mill Area Council; Fort Mill Citizen of the Year, 2003; Small Bus. Person of the Year, 2011; Comm. Housing, Inc. Bd.; York Tech. Coll. Foundation; York Co. Econ. Dev.; past participation: York Co. Zoning Bd. of Appeals; Rock Hill Arts Council; Junior Achievement; former volunteer, S.C. Guardian Ad Litem; prev. serv. in House 2013.



**FINLAY, Kirkman III** [R]—(Dist. No. 75, *Richland Co.*)—Farmer, Restaurateur; residing in Columbia; *b.* Feb. 16, 1970 in Columbia; *s.* Kirkman Finlay, Jr. and Mary Fleming (Rab) Finlay Thompson; *g.* Univ. of Va., B.A.; Nov. 27, 1997 *m.* Kathleen Ravenel, 3 children, Kathleen (Kay) Hall Finlay, Mary Fleming Hampton Finlay, and Harriott Ravenel Finlay; Cola. City Council, 2006–10; prev. serv. in House 2013.





**FORRESTER, Paul Michael “Mike”** [R]—(Dist. No. 34, *Spartanburg Co.*)—Econ. Dev.; residing at 287 Creekridge Dr., Spartanburg; *b.* Feb. 5, 1951 in Spartanburg; *s.* Paul Davis Forrester and Peggy Jarrell; *g.* Univ. of the State of N.Y., B.S.; July 13, 1969 *m.* Connie Carnes, 2 children, Brian Michael and Melissa Bishop, 5 grandsons; Chm., Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce;

VP, S.C. Operations Piedmont Natural Gas Co.; Chm., State Bd. of Educ.; mem., Econ. Growth Council, Spartanburg; Chm., Upstate S.C. Alliance; Bd. mem., Econ. Futures Group, Spartanburg; mem.: Exec. Com. Ten at the Top; Action Team for Spartanburg/Cherokee Dev. Corp.; Professional Dev. Com., S.C. Econ. Dev. Assn.; Public Serv. Award, Educ. U Bus. Summit in Support of Educ., 2010; Citizens for Sound Conservation’s Carrot and Peas Award, 2010, 2012; S.C. Chamber’s Bus. Advocate Award, 2010; Sword and Mace Award, BIPEC, 2010, 2012; Bd. mem., State Workforce Investment Bd.; Public Utility Review Com.; Chm., Public Utility Subcom.; Command Sgt. Major, USAR; prev. serv. in House 2009–13.



**FUNDERBURK, Laurie Slade** [D]—(Dist. No. 52, *Kershaw Co.*)—Businesswoman/Atty.; residing at 1804 Broad St., Camden; *b.* March 31, 1975 in Camden; *d.* Larry and Betty Horton Slade; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1997, J.D., 2001; Sept. 11, 1999 *m.* Harold Williams Funderburk, Jr., 2 children, Slade Horton and Burch Hough; Law Clerk, S.C. Sen. Jud. Com., 1999–01; Comr.,

City of Camden Planning & Zoning Comm., 2001–04; Fine Arts Center of Kershaw Co. Bd. of Dirs., 2001–04; Pres., Kershaw Co. Bar Assn., 2004; Bd. of Dirs., Carolina Cup Racing Assn., 2004–; Bd. of Dirs., Natl. Steeplechase Museum, 2004–; Bd. of Dirs., Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Govts., 2005–; Camden Rotary Club, 2005–; S.C. Dept. of Agric. Food Policy Council, 2005–; Kershaw Co. Agribusiness Family of the Year, 2005; Fine Arts Center of Kershaw Co. Harriett Phelps Serv. Award, 2005; State Dir., Women in Govt., 2006–; Bd. of Dirs., Kershaw Co. Comm. Med. Clinic, 2006–12; S.C.

House Sportsmen's Caucus, Secy., 2007–08, VC, 2011–12; Amer. Council of Young Political Leaders Del. to Australia, 2007; Liberty Fellowship Class of 2008; Rural Caucus, Secy.; S.C. General Assembly Women's Caucus, Chm., 2011–12; United Way of Kershaw Co., Bd. of Dirs., 2012–; prev. serv. in House June 15, 2004–13.

**GAGNON, Craig Alan** [R]—(Dist. No. 11, *Abbeville-Anderson Cos.*)—Chiropractor; residing at 504 Church St., Abbeville; *b.* Aug. 2, 1960 in Lowell, Mass.; *s.* the late Clayton W. Gagnon and Claire E. Dutton; *g.* Sherman Coll. of Chiropractic, 1984; Apr. 15, 2010 *m.* Robin E. Johnson, 3 children, Leah G., Anna E., and Joshua Morris; Chm., Abbeville Co. Rep. Party, 1989–12; Sherman Coll. of Chiropractic Bd. of Trustees, 2005–08; mem., Abbeville Presbyterian Church; prev. serv. in House 2013.



**GAMBRELL, Michael W. "Mike"** [R]—(Dist. No. 7, *Abbeville-Anderson Cos.*)—Self-employed, M&R Enterprises; residing at 400 Filter Plant Rd., Honea Path; *b.* Jan. 10, 1958 in Belton; *s.* Aaron and Robbie Gambrell; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1980; Mar. 31, 1990 *m.* Reese V. Gambrell; Palmetto Boys State, 1975; Friendship Fire Dept., Chief, 1990–06; Anderson Co. Fire Chiefs Assn., Chm., 1990–02; mem., Anderson Co. EMS Comm., 2002–06; prev. serv. in House 2007–13.



**GEORGE, J. Wayne** [D]—(Dist. No. 57, *Dillon-Horry-Marion Cos.*)—Ins./Real Estate Professional; residing at 223 Meadowview Lane, Mullins; *b.* July 14 in Mullins; *s.* Furman and Dawsie Skipper George; *g.* Coastal Carolina Univ., B.A.; Morris Coll., B.S.; July 1980 *m.* Helen Barrineau, 3 children, Jeffrey, William, and Bradley; Mullins City Council, 1980–88; Pres., Mullins Rotary, 1986; Pres., Mullins Chamber, 1987; Mayor, City of Mullins, 1988–04; named by Gov., "Rural Innovator of the Year", 2004;





Coastal Carolina Univ. Bd. of Trustees, 2006–12; past Pres., Municipal Assn. of S.C.; twice named Chamber of Commerce Comm. Person of the Year; mem., Macedonia United Methodist Church; prev. serv. in House 2013.



**GILLIARD, Wendell Gregory** [D]—(Dist. No. 111, *Charleston Co.*)—Owner, WGG Consulting Co.; residing at 1237 Marvin Ave., Charleston; *b.* July 1, 1954 in Charleston; *s.* the late William and the late Sinclair Gilliard; attended Devry School of Technology; Labor Organizing Coll. held at Univ. of Tenn. campus, and political science training at the Natl. Leagues of Cities;

3 children, April Sinclair, Wendell G., and Keith Demon; worked at Albright and Wilson Chemical Plant for 28 years as a chemical plant operator; served as United Steel Workers Local Union Pres. for 15 years; Charleston City Council, 1997–08; former Mayor *Pro Tempore*; Arthur J. Clement Award for Excellence in Race Relations, 1999; Omega Psi Phi Frat., Inc., Stroll of Honor Award for Outstanding Achievement in Politics, 2004; Beta Kappa Lambda Chap. of Alpha Phi Alpha Frat., Inc., Comm. Serv. Award in Politics, 2004; Macedonia African Methodist Episcopal Church, MLK Humanitarian Award, 2006; NAACP North Charleston Chap.'s Hall of Fame Award for Comm. Relations, 2006; Voted Best Councilman by the Charleston City Paper, 2006–08; Charleston Alumni Chap. of Kappa Alpha Psi Frat., Inc., Comm. Serv. Award, 2008; prev. serv. in House 2009–13.



**GOLDFINCH, Stephen L., Jr.** [R]—(Dist. No. 108, *Charleston-Georgetown Cos.*)—Atty.; residing in Murrells Inlet; *b.* Nov. 19, 1982 in Conway; *s.* Steve Goldfinch and Patricia Briggs; *g.* The Citadel, B.S., 2004, M.B.A., 2006; Charleston School of Law, J.D., 2010; May 27, 2006 *m.* Renee Bodie; prev. serv. in House 2013.

**GOVAN, Jerry N., Jr.** [D]—(Dist. No. 95, *Orangeburg Co.*)—Orangeburg Co. Attendance Supvr.; *b.* Mar. 17, 1958; *s.* Roberta W. Govan and the late Jerry N. Govan, Sr.; *g.* S.C. State Univ., B.A., 1982, M.A.T., 2003; Graduate Studies, Univ. of S.C.; S.C. Educ. Policy Fellow, 2011–12; Fleming Policy Fellow, 1998; Graduate, Leadership S.C., 1992; Graduate, Leadership Orangeburg, 1990; Graduate, Off. Candidate School, USMC, August 1980; *m.* Wanda E. Gibson, 4 children, Shawntara, Jeri Nicole, LaWanda, and Gabrielle; mem. and Assoc. Minister, Olive Grove Missionary Baptist Church; Orangeburg Co. Dropout Prevention Coordinator; Literacy Consultant and Comm. Educ. Coordinator, Orangeburg Co. Adult Educ.; Parenting and After-School Coordinator, Orangeburg School Dist. Five; Parent Educator, Orangeburg School Dist. Five; Primary Prevention Specialist and Program Coordinator, Co. Assault on Drugs Task Force, Tri-Co. Comm. on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; Coordinator, Pre-Trial Intervention Program, 1st Judicial Circuit; Dir., Small Bus. Dev. Center, S.C. State Univ.; Asst. to Dir. of Personnel, S.C. State Univ.; Recruiting Off., S.C. Dept. of Environmental Control; Personnel Specialist, U.S. Dept. of the Navy; prev. serv. in House 1993–13.



**HAMILTON, Daniel Paul “Dan”** [R]—(Dist. No. 20, *Greenville Co.*)—Businessman; residing in Greenville; *b.* Aug. 17, 1976 in Miami, Fla.; *s.* Glenn and Joan Hamilton; *g.* Bob Jones Univ., B.S., 1998; May 14, 1999 *m.* Kelly Hancock, 4 children, Caroline Grace, Jackson Rivers, Greyson Mills, and Asa Ranger; Speaker of the House, S.C. Student Legis., 1997–98; Field Rep., U.S. Rep. Jim DeMint, 1999–01; Dir., Greenville Co. Redevelopment Authority, 2000–08, VC, 2005–; Bd. mem., Carolina Hope Christian Adoption Ag., 2000–; Greater Greenville Assn. of REALTORS, 2005–06; Bd. of Dirs., Greater Greenville Assn. of REALTORS, 2007–09, Secy./Treas., 2008; Dir., S.C. Assn. of REALTORS, 2007–09; Co-Chm., Greenville Workforce Housing Trust Fund Com., 2007; Bd. of Dirs., Greenville Housing



Fund, 2007–, Chm., 2008; Dir., GreenTree Global, Inc., 2007–; Adv. Com., Blue Ridge Council of Boy Scouts of America, 2008; *Greenville Magazine*, “Best and Brightest 35 & Under, Class of 2007”; Operating Principal, Keller Williams Realty, Greenville, 2005–; VC, Freshman Caucus; Chm., Upstate Caucus; mem., Heritage Bible Church; prev. serv. in House 2009–13.



**HARDEE, Kevin James** [R]—(Dist. No. 105, *Horry Co.*)—Real Estate Agent; residing at 2088 Cane Branch Rd., Loris; *b.* Apr. 9, 1965 in Conway; *s.* Elton J. and Sally Hardee; *g.* Horry-Georgetown Tech. Coll., 1986; 2 children, Chandler Nicole and Grayson Elizabeth; Horry Co. Council, 2001-08; prev. serv. in House 2013.



**HARDWICK, Nelson L.** [R]—(Dist. No. 106, *Horry Co.*)—Businessman/Engineer; residing at 714 Cedar Dr. N., Surfside Beach; *b.* Sept. 19, 1951 in Conway; *s.* Catherine Allen and the late Fred B. Hardwick; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S. in Chemical Engineering, 1973, M.S., Environmental Engineering, 1977; *m.* Marty Smith, 3 children, Nada, Ira, and Melissa; Dist. Dir., EQC, S.C. DHEC, 1978; Engineering Mgr., Grand Strand Water and Sewer, 1978–80; Real Estate Dev. and Consulting Engineer, 1980–; past Chm., Horry Co. Stormwater Adv. Bd.; founding mem., South Strand Rep. Club, 2001–; past mem.: Amer. Soc. Civil Engineers; S.C. Assn. of Realtors; mem.: Surfside Area Rotary; Natl. Soc. Professional Engineers; Coastal Carolina Natl. Bank, Inc., Organizer & Dir., 2009–; Coastal Carolina Bancshares, Inc., Bd. of Dirs., 2010–; House Agric., Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs Com., 2005–, Chm., 2011–; Majority Whip, 2007–10; Co-Chm., Rural Caucus, 2007–10; mem., Episcopal Church of Resurrection, Surfside Beach; prev. serv. in House 2005–13.

**HARRELL, Robert William, Jr.**, Speaker (for biography and picture see p. 84).

**HART, Christopher Richard [D]**—

(Dist. No. 73, *Richland Co.*)—Atty.; residing at 5219 Burke Ave., Columbia; *b.* Sept. 22, 1972 in Columbia; *s.* Glennah Hart and Maxsena Thomas Days; *g.* Howard Univ., B.A., 1997; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 2000; Omega Psi Phi Frat., Inc.; S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn.; Natl. Bar Assn.; Adjunct Professor, Benedict Coll.; Chairperson, LRS Comm.; S.C. Bar Assn.; mil. serv.: Army Natl. Guard, 1989–98; prev. serv. in House 2007–13.



**HAYES, Jackie Elliott “Coach” [D]**—

(Dist. No. 55, *Darlington-Dillon-Horry-Marlboro Cos.*)—Athletic Dir./Head Football Coach; residing at 2342 Spring St., Hamer; *b.* Oct. 12, 1961 in Marion; *s.* Julius and Virgie Hayes; *g.* Catawba Coll., B.A., 1984; Mar. 30, 1985 *m.* Vera Amanda McLellan, 3 children, Zach, Shuler, and Ellie; Pres., S.C. Athletic Admin. Assn., 1998–99; Athletic Dir. of the Year, 1999–00; Rural Water Assn. Legislator of the Year, 2000; S.C. Chiropractic Assn. Legislator of the Year, 2000; 2002 Region Coach of the Year; 2008 High School Sports Report’s Statewide Coach of the Year; prev. serv. in House 1999–13.



**HENDERSON, Phyllis J. [R]**—(Dist.

No. 21, *Greenville Co.*)—Businesswoman/Comm. Leader; residing at 110 Silver Creek Court, Greer; *b.* Nov. 14 in Cincinnati, Ohio; *g.* Univ. of Cincinnati, B.A., 1982; Indiana Univ., M.P.A., 1984; Apr. 30 *m.* Richard D. Henderson, 3 children, Matthew, Katie, and Stephen; Mgmt. Analyst, City of Greenville, 1985–86; VP, Governmental Affairs, Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce, 1986–89; Bus. Mgr., Greenville Chorale, 1994–96; Campaign Mgr., Jim DeMint for Congress, 1997–98; Greenville Co. Planning Comm., 1998–99; mem., Greenville Co. Council, 2000–04, Chm., 2003–04; Bd. mem., Greenville Area Dev. Corp., 2003–04; S.C. Jobs Econ. Dev. Authority, 2005–09; Eastside High School PTA Bd.,



2006–10, Pres., 2008–10; Field Operation Supvr., U.S. Census Bureau, 2009–10; Chm., Greenville Polo Classic Charity, 2011–; Jt. Legis. Com. to Screen Candidates for Coll. Bd. of Trustees, 2013–; mem., Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church; prev. serv. in House Dec. 4, 2011–13.



**HERBKERSMAN, William G.** [R]—(Dist. No. 118, *Beaufort-Jasper Cos.*)—Eco-Developer/Redeveloper; residing at 896 May River Rd., Bluffton; *b.* June 30, 1958 in Bedford, Ohio; *s.* Kate Herbkersman and the late Donald Herbkersman; attended Univ. of S.C.; *g.* Jefferson Inst., 1988; Nov. 29, 1986 *m.* Mary Margaret Kinzer, 2 children, Shelby and Cole; Chm.,

Syndicated Investments; Ancient Order of Hibernian; Bluffton Rotary; Paul Harris Fellow; Friends of the River; Southern Beaufort Co. Com. Assn.; Bluffton Rep. Club; Knights of Columbus; Friends of the Library; Airplane Owners and Pilots Assn.; Beaufort Co. Rep. Club; Chief Whip; Majority Caucus Fin. Com.; Bd. of Advisors, S.C. Bank & Trust; Rules Com.; Chm., Ways and Means Proviso Subcom.; CEO, Apex Land; CEO, Marina Front Dev.; mem., Calhoun St. Properties; Chm., Caucus Communications; Gov. Council on Global Warming; Trustee, Forbeck Cancer Foundation; mem., NRA; prev. serv. in House 2003–13.



**HIOTT, David R.** [R]—(Dist. No. 4, *Pickens Co.*)—Owner, Hiott Printing Co.; residing at 235 Crescent Hill Dr., Pickens; *b.* Oct. 20, 1960 in Easley; *s.* the late Gary, Jr. and Eloise Hiott; *g.* Central Wesleyan Coll., B.A., 1983; 1988 *m.* Lisa Clamp Hiott, 2 children, Lander Douglas and Salley Elizabeth; past mem., Pickens Co. YMCA Bd. of Dirs.; mem., Pickens Rotary

Club; Deacon, Pickens First Baptist Church; prev. serv. in House 2005–13.